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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: UN CONFERENCE ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR
LINER CONFERENCES

REF: (A) GENEVA A-514; (B) GENEVA 5670

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SUCCESS OF MISSION IN PERSUADING
GROUP B DELS TO SOFTEN POSITION RE DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK ON
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE. DEPARTMENT
CONCURS IN SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED LETTER AS DESCRIBED
PARA. 1 REFTEL AND REQUESTS CABLE REPORT OF TEXT AS SOON
AS IT FORMALLY AGREED WITHIN GROUP B. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE
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ON POINTS RAISED PARA. 2 REFTEL BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT

GROUP B DOES REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE PARA. 1
REFTEL.

2. (A) NUMBER OF COMMITTEES. THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE POLICY ISSUES BUT RATHER PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION, I.E. WORKING EFFICIENCY OF CONFERENCE. EXPERIENCE AT TWO PREP COMM MEETINGS SHOWED THAT THIRD WORKING GROUP (DEALING WITH OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF CODE) WAS SUPERFLUOUS AND DETRACTED FROM EFFORTS TO COORDINATE OVERALL WORK AND WITHIN GROUP. WE FEEL THAT CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES IS INTIMATELY RELATED TO SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS (SECTIONS B-E) OF CODE AND SHOULD ON THIS GROUND

TAKE PLACE IN SAME COMMITTEE THAT DEALS WITH SUBSTANCE. RATHER THAN ACCEPT SECRETARIAT INTERPRETATION OF LDC DESIRES (PARA. 3.A. REFTEL) WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE FOR GROUP B TO ADVOCATE 2-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE BUT BE WILLING TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES WITH 77 AND TAKE FINAL DECISION ON BASIS OF MERITS OF RESPECTIVE ARGUMENTS. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD THIS SORT OF DISCUSSION WITH 77 WITHOUT CONFRONTATION ATMOSPHERE.

(B) POSTS FOR GROUP B. WE CONCUR THAT IN GENERAL COMMITTEE (OR BUREAU) OF 12 OFFICERS, GROUP B SHOULD EXPECT TO OBTAIN FOUR POSTS. WE WOULD EXPECT, ON BASIS OF EXPERIENCE AT PREP COMM MEETINGS, THAT CONSENSUS WOULD EXIST AMONG ALL GROUPS FOR GROUP B (US) REP AS RAPPORTEUR. IF THERE ONLY TWO MAIN COMMITTEES, THEREFORE, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT GROUP B CANDIDACY FOR MAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP, AND THIS WOULD MEAN THREE GROUP B VICE PRESIDENTS. IF THREE MAIN COMMITTEES UNAVOIDABLE, WE WOULD THEN EXPECT GROUP B CHAIRMAN FOR ONE OF COMMITTEES, PREFERABLY THAT ON IMPLEMENTATION. THIS WOULD CONSEQUENTLY REQUIRE ONLY TWO GROUP B VICE PRESIDENTS.

(C) GROUP B CANDIDATES. WE AGREE THAT DE GROOT (NETHERLANDS) AS GROUP B COORDINATOR SHOULD BE ONE VICE PRESIDENT. AT OECD/MTC SPECIAL GROUP MEETING (OCTOBER 2 - 5) US REP AGREED THAT ANTOUN (US) WOULD BE AVAILABLE CANDIDATE FOR RAPPORTEUR. IN CASE OF TWO MAIN COMMITTEES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER TWO GROUP B VICE PRESIDENTS SHOULD BE ONE EACH FROM CSG AND NON-CSG (CANADA OR AUSTRALIA) COUNTRIES, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. IN CASE OF THREE MAIN COMMITTEES, WE BELIEVE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SELVIG (NORWAY) FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE, DEPENDING ON ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF CURRENT UNCTAD IPG ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT. IF SELVIG WERE CHOSEN CHAIRMAN, REMAINING GROUP B VICE

PRESIDENT SHOULD BE FROM NON-CSG COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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